AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a message at an interrogating call session control function ~~using a public service identity~~;

obtaining, at the interrogating call session control function, address information for [[a]] an application server ~~network function~~ for which said message is intended; and

sending, by the interrogating call session control function rather than by a serving call session control function, said message to said application server ~~network function~~ in accordance with said address information, the interrogating call session control function implemented on at least network element.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said message is sent directly to the network function via a proxy or gateway element.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said obtaining comprises querying a database.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said database comprises a subscription location function.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said database provides said address information for said network function.

6. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said database provides information identifying a further database.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said further database comprises one of a home subscriber server, user mobility server or service and subscription repository.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said further database contains said address information.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said further database contains configuration information of said network function.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

determining whether said message is for an internet protocol multimedia core network subsystem target or an internet protocol multimedia core network subsystem target.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said receiving, obtaining, and sending are followed when a determination is made that said message is for an internet protocol multimedia core network subsystem target.

Claims 12-42 (Cancelled)

43. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said network function comprises a server, said server being configured to send a message for at least one user via a serving call session control function and to send a message for a least one user via an interrogating call session control function.

Claims 44-61 (Canceled)

62. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving a message ~~using a public service entity~~;

means for obtaining, at the interrogating call session control function, address information for [[a]] an application server ~~network function~~ for which said message is intended; and

means for sending, by the interrogating call session control function rather than by a serving call session control function, said message to said application server ~~network function~~ in accordance with said address information.

63. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a receiver configured to receive a message ~~using a public service entity~~;

an address information entity, at the interrogating call session control function, configured to obtain address information for an application server ~~or a network function~~ for which said message is intended; and

a transmitter, at the interrogating call session control function rather than at a serving call session control function, configured to transmit said message to said application server ~~network function~~ in accordance with said address information.

64. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 63, wherein said address information entity is configured to query a database.

65. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium including a computer program ~~embodied on a computer readable medium, said computer program~~ configured to control a processor to perform operations comprising:

receiving a message at an interrogating call session control function ~~using a public service entity~~;

obtaining, at the interrogating call session control function, address information for [[a]] an application server ~~network function~~ for which said message is intended; and

sending, by the interrogating call session control function rather than by a serving call session control function, said message to said application server ~~network function~~ in accordance with said address information.